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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

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 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) of prior pending patent application Serial No. 09/459,815, filed on December 13, 1999 entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING LOAD DISTRIBUTION ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK by the following inventors:

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

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The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application:

CLAIMS AS FILED

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	-3	x	\$40
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	1		x	\$135
				BASIC FILING FEE:
				\$355.00
				TOTAL FILING FEE:
				\$697.00

Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

1. Payment of fees:
 Attached is a check in the amount of \$697.00.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
3. The prior application is assigned of record to F5 Networks, Inc. located at Reel/Frame: 010449/0311.
4. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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5. Address all future communications to the **Attention of John W. Branch** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
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